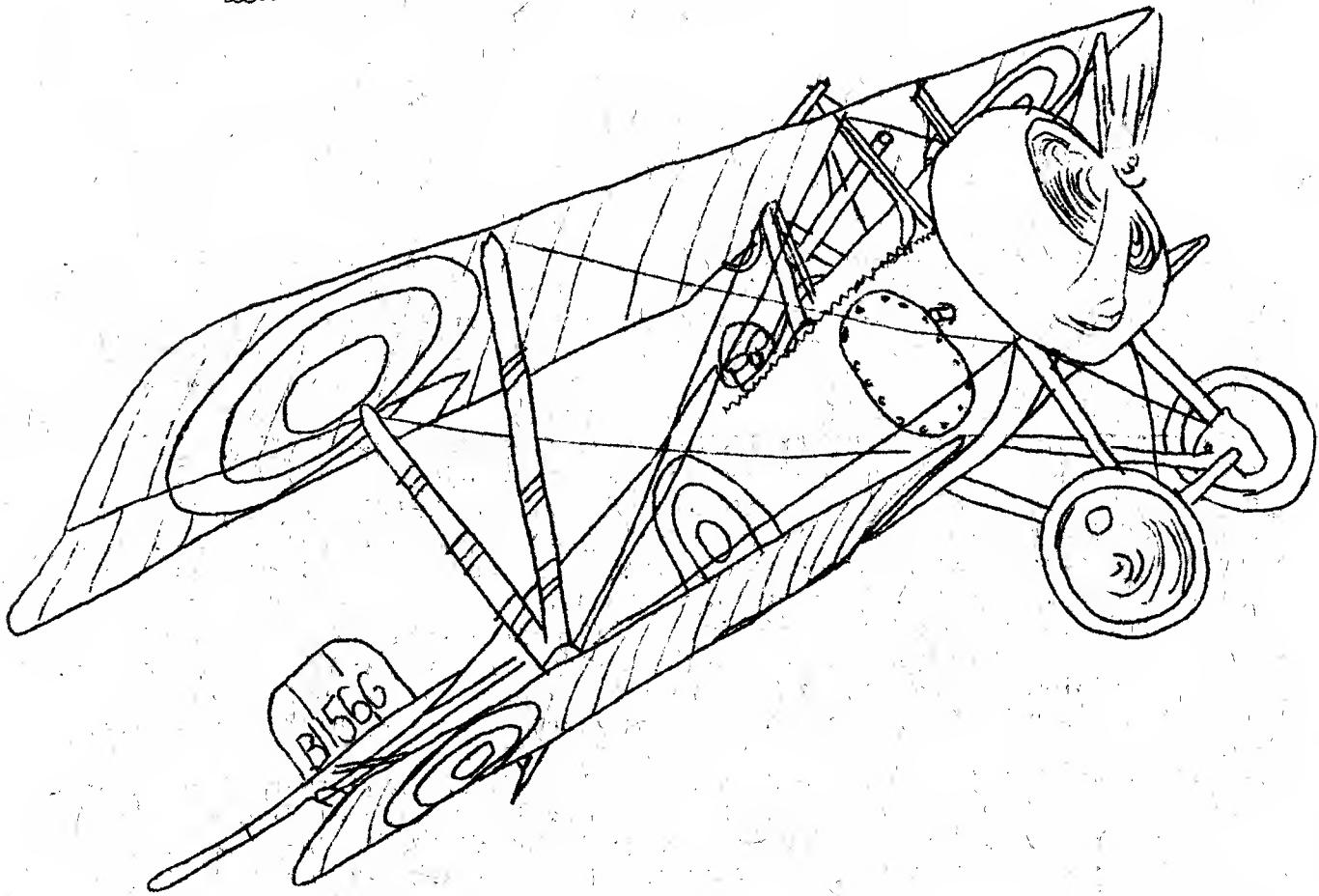


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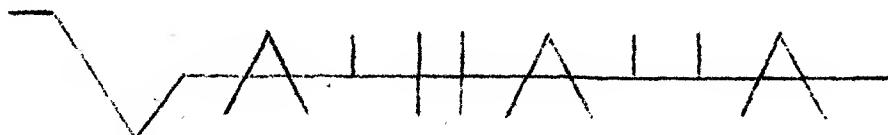
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THE DIPLOMAT:

We're a bit late but, at least we haven't disappeared with all that good money! Armageddonia arrived today with an updated word on magazine trade agreements. Apparently Turner is feeling the monetary pinch as he no longer will send out copies with stamps from his pocket. But the reason I started out on this trade topic is a boycott(?) of AEOLUS by quite a few publishers. Why? Now I know that most people publish much more frequently than I but, then John Boardman publishes in a shorter interval than anybody and he still trades with everyone. Well?



John Koning's newest venture, VALHALLA promises to be one of postal Diplomacy's milestones. Existing magazines have always been published for people who already are Dippy players but, VALHALLA from the start will be directed at the newcomer. Association with STRATEGY AND TACTICS (we consider it to be the best wargaming journal) will provide a permanent contact with the growing force of persons in all wargaming fields.

VALHALLA will carry one postal game, featuring the play of the "experts" (McCallum and Smythe), Diplomacy's human dictionary (who else but Peery), and your own trustworthy, loyal, and obliging editor. VALHALLA's pages will also contain feature articles on Diplomacy strategy and play and, what I consider to be most important of all, an address listing of wargamers of all types (Avalon Hill, Diplomacy, Gamescience, miniatures, naval, etc.).

In addition, the publisher (Koning) will offer extras for subscribers. A sample service will be provided to enable interested individuals to obtain a selection of Diplomacy magazines for a small fee and, in a few months time, a chance for subscribers to enter into as many games of postal Diplomacy as they wish.

VALHALLA #1 will be published on 13 April 1968, and will thereafter appear at tri-weekly intervals. The price is a bargain \$2.00 per year (17 issues); and for a super-bargain, John is offering a combination VALHALLA-STAB subscription for \$3.00 per year (34 issues). So how does one go about receiving VLHALLA?

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AUSTRIA: A Vis to Tch; A Ser (S) T Adm to Grav. F Adm to Grav. Sip
 (McCallum)

ENGLAND: F Net (S) A Vis to Den; A Vis to Den; F Vis to Net.
 (Lyt/Net)

FRANCE: A Par to Bul; A Par to Sip; A Vis to Par.
 (Carey)

GERMANY: F Net (S) A Vis to Bul; A Vis to Bul; A Vis to Bul.
 (Ron Ing)

ITALY: A Sip to Tch; F Par (G) A Net to Tch; A Net to Sip.
 (Lake)

RUSSIA: F Net to Bul; A Net to Bul; A Net to Bul; F Sov (S) A Vis to Bul.
 (Prosnitz)

TURKEY: F Adm to Grav; F Adm to Grav; A Grav to Bul.
 (Cochran)

DEADLINES: Winter 1901: 4 March 1968.
 Spring 1902: 15 March 1968.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT:

AUSTRIA: 3 Home, Sip	Grav.	(S) Bul	1
ENGLAND: 3 Home, Net	Bul.	(S) Bul	2
FRANCE: 3 Home, Sip	Par.	(S) Bul	2
GERMANY: 3 Home, Bul	Bul.	(S) Bul	2
ITALY: 3 Home, Tch		(H) Bul	1
RUSSIA: 4 Home, Bul	Bul.	(S) Bul	2
TURKEY: 3 Home, Bul		(H) Bul	1

PRESS RELEASES:

PARIS (7 April 1901): King Charles XI of France today announced the appointment of his ministers, once again displaying the wisdom of the 61-year old monarch. Joseph Fallières, former Minister of Finance under President Fallières and Consul after Fallières' death, was named Prime Minister of France. General Louis Franchet D'Esperey was appointed Defense Minister, and Jean Baptiste Chasteler Minister of Foreign Affairs. In order to express the support of the Counts of Paris and Chambord, His Majesty made them Royal Advisors to the Throne, a most prestigious post.

The appointments came one week after the reconvening of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. A vote of confidence for the new government passed unanimously, so great is the faith and trust which the French nation has in their King.

PARIS (11 April 1901): General Louis Franchet D'Esperey, Minister of Defense, issued an Order of Mobilization of the French Armed Forces early this afternoon.

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When asked by reporters why the military has been ordered up, the General replied, "The German army is at this very minute massing on our eastern border. The army and navy have been mobilized to meet and check any actions of an aggressive nature made by the German government."

The SUBLIME PORTE UNTO PANDEMONIUM, 7/8/1190A.H.: In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate, the All-Compassionate! I take refuge with Allah, the Merciful, from Him who was stoned! Let it be known unto the Stoned that any who durst approach the Infernal Throne as the representative of the Porte and of the Most High Sultan, Sidi-Kakroo, may have for his portion his fill of drought and sand in this world, and in the next, Jahannum for his portion! Let every ear my right to know this cause, hear and tremble! By the Sultan have said it! (By the way -- where could I pick up a couple of cruisers?)

NANCY (24 April 1901): Units of the German First Army have reportedly crossed the Franco-German border and seized Luneville, some 25 miles to the east of Nancy. As far as can be discerned, this aggressive move on the part of the German government was completely unprovoked and unexplained. Prime Minister Caillaux has declared that a state of emergency exists in France, and Minister of Foreign Affairs Jean Casimir-Chantecier has sent an envoy to Berlin to demand an explanation of this heinous crime committed against the Kingdom of France.

ST. PETERSBURG, 6/9/1190A.H. (via diplomatic pouch to Istanbul): Omar Pasha to the Dragoman of the West: Still fearfully cold here! Not the weather alone, the Tsar and his officers!

LONVILLE (3 May 1901): The French Second Army crushed a German salient near this French town yesterday, and has sent the invasion force reeling back across the border. King Charles congratulated the troops for a job well done, and summoned the entire Second Army to Paris for decorations. Long Live France! Long Live King Charles! Long live motherhood, crepes suzettes, and the Tri-color!

THE LAY OF LUCIFER (Part 2): Wherein His Satanic Majesty interviews the mysterious Lady in Black and discusses the question of favoritism further with the Suplicants representing His subjects on earth.

"Well, I swear!" declared Satan, rising from his throne and clumping over to the Lady in Black. "If it isn't Della Stalles, Chief Witch for the S.I.C.. What are you-all doing here?"

The Lady in Black curtsied. "I have come to claim my legitimate rights, oh Blackest of the Fiends of Hell. On behalf of the S.I.C., I claim the favoritism due the starter of this glorious war!"

"Well, of course, dear little Della. My, how you've grown since you were 16 and initiated into the coven. -- You gentlemen know, of course, what must happen to a girl before she can join the Loyal Order of Witches, don't you? No? Well, it is a performance I should be glad to repeat now, but it isn't the sort of thing one does in public except for official ceremonies and such. -- But Della, you will come to our chambers this evening? Ah, I knew you would. Now, what's this about you're having started this delightful war?"

"Oh, Imperial darkness. Know that I, Della the Horrid, Chief Witch of the Loathsome Toad Coven, Adopt of the Black Arts, Thirty-Fourth Degree Shoddy Rite Sorceress, did, on the night of the 31st of October last, go forth unto the sacred Mountain of Sime (which the unlearned call Bald Mountain), where I did hold profane and unholy congress with the chief of thy servants in that region, even the great Ulu-Sing Sumerian god of war. Know also that I did obtain from him, in thy behalf, the power to adjust in certain ways the affairs of men. Thus did

I provoke the civil war in France and the many attacks and betrayals which followed. Great is the power of S.I.C. through me; and great is my power through thee. Oh, worshipful darkness, give me further boon."

"We'll attend to that tonight, Della love. Retire now to Our chamber and We'll be with you presently."

And with that, the Lady in Black left the Infernal Audience Chamber. Almost immediately, all the Suplicants began talking at once. Lucifer turned on them, flames shooting from his wings, talons, and tail. "Quiet! All of you! We are quite satisfied that none of you can claim real responsibility for the war, so you are going to have to find some other basis on which We can grant Our favor. You may stay the night (such as it is in these regions) and We shall speak with you in the morning." His Majesty then withdrew.

AUSTRIA (McCallum): Build A Vie; Build A Bud,

ENGLAND (Latimer): Build F Lon; Build F Lpl.

FRANCE (Carey): Build A Par; Build A Bre, MAR.

GERMANY (Koning): Build A Mun; Build A Kie.

ITALY (Lake): Build F Nap.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): Build A Mos; Build A Stp.

TURKEY (Cochran): No Build.

PRESS RELEASE:

THE LAY OF LUCIFER (Part 3): Wherein His Satanic Majesty deals harshly with the Turkish suppliant.

Night descends on Hell. That is, the flames die down a little, and the anguished cries of diplomats, statesmen, generals, Shakespearian scholars, and other sinners died down to a dull roar wherewith were soothed the ears and made pleasant the slumbers of His Satanic Majesty. The Suplicants of the Powers of Europe, wishing to retire, were shown to their chambers after a sumptuous feast of roast beef, roast zucchini squash, roast potatoes, and roast Alaska. Remarked the French Suppliant to the Maitre d', "You do a lot of roasting here, don't you, mon ami?" to which the reply was, "Yes sir; speciality of the house, you know."

The Turkish Suppliant, Hizmetce Ozel Pasha, having been shown to his room, observed that it was hung with Turkish carpets and tastefully decorated with pikes, thumbscrews, and iron maidens, and furnished with several ottomans. "It looks like His Majesty's den in Istanbul," he remarked.

Suddenly, the door flew open, and out of the flames and infinite blackness beyond strode His Satanic Majesty. "What have you to say to this," he demanded of Ozel, showing him a transcript of the Sultan's recent scurrilous remarks. "What does that descendent of a thousand generations of pigs, dogs, and infidels, that walking sow's belly, that heap of slime and degredation which holds

its throne by Our grace, mean by invoking the name of that crackpot deity of a bunch of sand-dune savages that can't even lick 1/10 their weight in Jew? And how dare the Subliminal Porte dare to intimate that We, the Supreme Tempter, are stoned? And We not having had a drink in almost 2000 years? Scandalous, simply scandalous. Well, he shall have his reward. Behold! None of his Fall 1901 maneuvers shall succeed! So let it be written. So let it be done. And, you snivelling heap of refuse from the slums of Constantinople, know that your master cannot even tell time. The equivalent date A.H. for 1901 A.D. is 1319, not 1190. Put that in your Hookah and smoke it!"

"But Majesty," Ozel broke in, "my Royal master did invoke your aid. . ." "Oh very well, he may have his cruisers. Of course, they will all be on the Caspian Sea. Now, aront thee, wretched Grovel before Us! We take our leave!" And he was gone.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH:

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Your comparison of ratings with preferences is interesting, but I think your conclusion, that such a preference is the precursor of the future rating list, is not justified.

For example, my own preferences would be: Austria, Germany, Russia, France, Italy, England, Turkey. I have no feeling whatsoever that this is how the future rating will look. I can, and have done well with Turkey and England. The reason I put them low is that they are uninteresting to play. Both have excellent chances of winning, but their strategies are limited to the extent that there is little fun in playing them. Exactly the opposite is true of Austria and Germany. Played well in the beginning of the game, both can win. But, both will go under very quickly if they are attacked right off by two of their neighbors. This occurs in game after game. In my own experience, Germany was attacked by England and France in 1966R, Austria in Miller's POC, PHC, etc., etc. A great many people don't like either country for this reason. I note that Austria is sixth in your list. Italy is a special case. It has the bleakest offensive possibilities of any power on the board. As far as most people are concerned there is either the sneak attack on Austria in 1901 or the slow build up of fleets to attack France, neither of which have a large chance of succeeding. Smythe tried, in Miller's PJC, to attack Turkey by building fleets and convoying to Syria, but due to various factors not under his control (read his allies) he was unable to make progress. Perhaps if someone has the courage to really develop this type of attack Italy will go up some in Preference.

It is very interesting to see such a tabulation of preferences published. Perhaps you remember that Jared Johnson tried to get one about a year or so ago, but response was small. If you eventually get more games going, or obtain figures from other people who give players a choice you might be able to get such a survey yourself..

(Ed. Note. I really did not mean to imply that last issue's future country list would approach the actual configuration at some future date, rather I had planned to dwell upon the fact that trends could be recognized from a player's desire of position. Unfortunately, space limitations annihilated(?) further commentary.

Compiling a list of preferences from the AEOLUS games, substantiated and brought to light a number of interesting ideas.

a) the length of time involved in Diplomacy is reflected in the player's list of desired choices. The longer the involvement, the more inclined toward the

countries of diplomacy (Austria, Germany, and Russia).

b) All countries did receive a first place listing (individual player lists); and all of the countries did place last at least one time.

My preferences are likewise without similarity to the published list. Beside the reasons for choice that you have listed, I consider what countries I have played, am playing, and degree of success in the past. incidentally, a year ago when I entered 1967G (STAB) I listed both England and Turkey high on my preference card, having been in contact with Diplomacy for about 6 months. I did desire one of the better starting positions at that time. In fact I asked Koenig why new (to Diplomacy) players had seemingly received the 'choice' countries. As you can see, #1 above, is close to home.

John McCallum, Balston, Alberta, Canada. Re the country preference on page 2, I wonder, it was pointed out long ago, I think by Koenig, that popular choice of Turkey was always much less enthusiastic than might be expected on account of its success. The reason suggested is that it is out of the action, diplomacy-wise, off in one corner of the board. It usually has lots of military action but, presumably, a player who wants a straight war game is playing Waterloo, or something, not Diplomacy. The same feeling could be an important factor for the low preference for Italy. Italy is the one country which doesn't have to get involved immediately and can afford to stand aside and watch the action for a little before taking sides. But the implication of that is plain - it is not really involved in the diplomacy in the opening years in many games. And players certainly dislike playing Austria, although there are exceptions. Smythe, for instance, likes Austria.

There is another question which may influence preference in postal games, I mean the propaganda aspects. Nearly all of us have some familiarity with the history and literature of England, France, Germany, Austria and Russia. Which makes preparing press releases for them not too difficult. If others are like me they know less about Italy and Turkey, which would tend to make them less popular.

(Ed. Note. If Smythe has an affection for Austria, is it not true that you also have a similar attraction? As you say it is Italy's choice, usually, when to jump into the conflict. My one game where Italy, 1966A1, was a case of jumping too soon. In this case the damage to Austria was irreparable as Russia and Turkey were also bent upon Austrian annihilation. Without Austria's land armies to oppose the way, Russia quickly entered the vacuum that resulted. If I had waited another year for the entire board alliances to resolve themselves it would have been quite apparent that Russia was to be the lurking giant. A year of waiting would have revealed the English pre-occupation with France, the excellent cooperation between Germany and Russia, and the eventual, unavoidable conflict with Turkey. Well it was experience.

Influence because of propaganda aspects does not seem to be as much a factor in Turkish popularity as you propose. Since all players are not press release buffs, that would not seem to enter into the decision on preference. In fact the Turkish releases for 1968F are quite enjoyable (to me) and certainly are not hurting for a varied presentation scheme.)

Rod Walker, 1611 Lowry Drive, Rantoul, Illinois 61866; Consider the following moves:

FRANCE: F Spa(sc) to Por; F Mid(S) F Spa(sc) to Por; F Mar to Spa(sc).
ITALY: F Por Stand; F Wes to Spa(sc).

The Italian F Por is annihilated, right? Wrong! The Interpretation (cont. pg. 8)

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WAR DECLARED IN LONDON - BY FRANCE
AUSTRIANS ROUTED

FRANCE: F Mid to Irl; F Eng to Lon; A Bar Stand; A Pic (5) A Bar;
(Belosel) A Mar (S) A Bar.

GERMANY: A Swe Stand; A Mun Stand; A Bar Stand; F Mol (S) A Bar;
(Luch) A Bar (S) A Bar.

ITALY: A Mts (5) Russian A Grl to Bud; A Tvl (S) A Ven to Tri; A Ven to Tri;
(Lelch) F Adr (S) A Ven to Tri; F Nm to Gre.

RUSSIA: F Stp (sc) Stand; F Sks to Den; A Gal to Bud; A Nbs to Sov;
(Wells) F Bls to Rum.

AUSTRIA: A Bud Stand; A Tri Stand; A Ser Stand; F Adr Stand.

ENGLAND: F Nth to Hwy; F Bar (S) F Nth to Hwy; F Nwg (S) F Nth to Hwy;
(Austin) A Hwy to Fin.

TURKEY: A Rum (S) Austrian A Bud; A Arm (S) Russian F Bls to Sov;
(Long) F Arm to Bls; F Con to Adg.

DEADLINES: Winter 1902: 11 March 1968.

Spring 1903: 25 March 1968.

The Austrian Armies Bud and Tri, were annihilated.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT: (Gains; Losses)

FRANCE: 3 Home, Spa, Por, Lon.

(6) Build 1

GERMANY: 3 Home, Hol, Bar, Bar, Swe.

(6) Build 1

ITALY: 3 Home, Bls, Bar, Tri, Bls.

(7) Build 2

RUSSIA: 4 Home, Swe, Den, Bud.

(6) Build 1

AUSTRIA: Bar, Tvl, Ser, Gre.

(1) Remove 1

ENGLAND: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Hwy.

(3) Remove 1

TURKEY: 3 Home, Bul, Rum.

(5) Build 1

PRESS RELEASES:

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: "If we must fight either you or Italy, then it must mean that France declares war on England. Remember Italy in 1966AP."

TURKEY TO RUSSIA: I hope that after this turn your hostilities towards the Austrians will cease. Russian territory will not be violated until an answer is given. If no answer is received, the Russian Bear may find himself in a deep well. - approved by His Majesty Turkustu Marmumu; A.N.L. Soc; Turkish League for Free Finns; S.I.C. Free Press in Exile

ENGLAND TO FRANCE: And I believed you!

IRELAND: To him who is in fear everything rustles.

FRANCE (Reinsel): Build F BRE.

GERMANY (Kuch): Build F Kie.

ITALY (Leitch): Build F Nap; A Ven.

RUSSIA (Wells): Build A Mos.

AUSTRIA (Griffin): Remove F Alb.

ENGLAND (Austin): Remove F Nwg.

TURKEY (Long): Build F Con.

PRESS RELEASES:

FRANCE: ...

RUSSIA: ...

GERMANY: ...

ENGLAND: ...

ITALY: ...

TURKEY: ...

DIPLOMATIC POUCH (cont.)

tion of the word "space" in the Rules has already been interpreted (re: The Coastal Crawl) to mean that (e.g.) Spa(sc) is a different space than is Spa(nc). A dislodged unit may not retreat to:

- a) a space left vacant by a stand-off or
- b) the space from which it was attacked.

But for F Por, Spa(nc) is not vacant for either of those reasons, and it therefore seems to me that the Italian F Por may retreat to Spa(nc). Of course, if either or both of the French units in Spa and Mar had been armies, the rule would not apply. You will note in EREWHON, that I am adopting a house-rule (25) to allow exactly this sort of retreat. Like the coastal crawl, of which it is a corollary, this rule works only when all the units involved in movement are fleets. It is a very rare situation, and I don't recall a game (although there must have been one or two) in which it could have been used. It would apply only to a F Por being attacked by a F Spa (n or sc) and/or to a F Con being attacked by a F Bul (e of sc).

(Ed. Note. You've brought up a good point Rod, but I can only agree with you in part. The simplified version:

FRANCE: F Spa(sc) to Por; F Mid (S) F Spa(sc) to Por.

ITALY: F Por Stand. F Por retreats to Spa(nc).

does work as it is complementary to the Coastal Crawl. However your continuation that a stand-off in Spa(sc) does not prevent a retreat into Spa(nc) seems to me to be contrary to the rules. After all the rulebook description of a fleet in a province having two coasts, includes, "It nevertheless occupies the

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entire province." The stand-off in your example would deny a portion of Spain to the retreating Fleet; a portion which would have been left vacant by a stand-off as per the rules of "THE Retreat". A stand-off in one coast of a two coast province, will be considered to be a stand-off in the entire province (at least it will in AEOLUS).)

A DEAD STATESMAN

I could not dig: I dare not rob:
Therefore I lied to please the mob.
Now all my lies are proved untrue,
And I must face the men I slew.
What tale shall save me here among
Mine angry and defrauded young?

DIPLOMACY MILIEU

1. COSTAGUANA ?: von Metzke returns (at least I'm told) regular Diplomacy game. Three still has openings; \$3.00 fee (Conrad von Metzke, 5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego, California 92114).
2. DIPLOPHOBIA #22: Three openings still available in what is to be the last new game for some time, \$3.00 fee (Don Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Maryland 20906).
3. GLOCKORLA #12: A regular game is open, positions are \$3.00. Standby positions for Indianomacy and Super-Economic Diplomacy are available. (Lave Lebling, Box 2234, Burton House, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139).
4. Congratulations to John Beshara for his win as Russia in 1966AI.

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Argument, as usually managed,
is the worst sort of conversation,
as in books it is generally the worst
sort of reading - Swift